



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

COALDALE, AB

St. Catherine's Parish

Picture Butte, AB



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St. Catherine's Office

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Office Hours: 9:00 – noon Wednesday

Parish Registration

If you are new to one of our parishes: A warm WELCOME is extended to new parishioners. Please introduce yourselves to Fr. Ian after Mass, fill out a registration form located in the church entrance, and place in the collection basket.

Receiving the Sacraments in our parishes: Please contact the parish office regarding Sacramental Preparation for all Sacraments—Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage. Couples contemplating marriage should contact a priest at least six (6) months prior to the date chosen. A marriage preparation course is required.

Bulletin Announcements: Need to be submitted by 12:00 pm each Wednesday of the week the bulletin is published.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 4, 2024

Jesus, the Bread of Life!

The Parish office will be **closed Monday, August 5, 2024** for the Heritage Day holiday.

PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Ian will be on holidays from Sunday July 28 until Sunday August 25. He will be here to celebrate the 9 am Mass at St. Ambrose and the 11 am Mass at St. Catherine's on Sundays, starting July 28, but otherwise he will be unavailable.

If there are emergencies where a priest is urgently needed, please phone either All Saints Parish in Lethbridge at 403-327-8931 or St. Augustine's Parish in Taber at 403-223-2226. Otherwise, please phone the parish office as usual.

OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS: Week of Aug. 4—Aug. 10.

Mass Intentions for Aug. 2024 posted in foyers of churches.

Tuesday, Aug. 6	SA	NO MASS
Wednesday, Aug. 7	SA	NO MASS
Thursday, Aug. 8	SA	NO MASS
Friday, Aug. 9	Sunny South L.	NO MASS
Sunday, Aug. 4	SA 9:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Aug. 4	SC 11:00 am	For the parishioners
Sunday, Aug. 4	SA	NO 4 PM MASS

Please pray for the sick of our parishes – Sylvia Zalik, Dave Gensorek, Lorainne Kress, Margaret Bergen Henengouwen, Darlene Beler, Katie Lindsay, Robert Murray, Marilyn Rudelich, David Beler, Deirdre Doyle, Gracie Jeppson, Pat Theroux, Fausto Roma Vela, Julius Urban, Joanne Kubic
And for the Repose of the Souls of all the deceased.

OUR SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

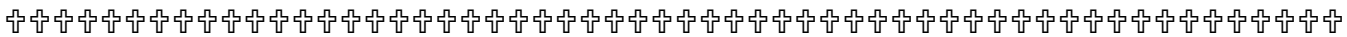
Support for Our Parishes

**St. Catherine's
Sunday July 28**
Reg. \$935.93 TIA \$0 O&M \$50

Well done, good and faithful servants!

**St. Ambrose
Sunday July 21**
Reg. \$3,399.47 Hall Fund \$0 TIA \$5

Well done, good and faithful servants!



Support For Our Diocese Programs

*God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches
in glory in Christ Jesus.*

St. Catherine's Parish

2024 Goal:	\$10, 703.00
<u>Donations to July 21:</u>	<u>\$ 3,706.00</u>
We still need:	\$ 6,997.00

Giving out of love!



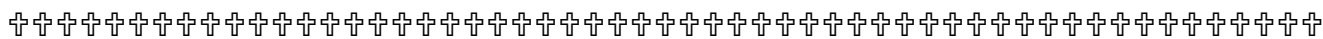
St. Ambrose Parish

2024 Goal:	\$10, 531.00
<u>Donations to July 21:</u>	<u>\$ 6,721.50</u>
We still need:	\$ 3,809.50

Giving out of love!

Our TIA campaigns are going well, with each week bringing us closer to our goals! Your willingness to share God's gifts with those in need in our Diocese is deeply appreciated. Keep up the great work,

WARNING!! Once again, there are emails being sent out that appear to be from Fr. Ian (or may have other priest's names) asking for money, gift cards, etc. **OUR PRIESTS WILL NEVER SEND OUT EMAILS ASKING FOR DONATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE FORM OF GIFT CARDS, ETC.** This is a scam—always! Do not respond and immediately delete the email from your computer! You can also phone the office to check if something suspicious is legitimate 403-345-3400. Don't get manipulated by these clever criminals!



OUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel: John 6:24-35



**PICTURE
JESUS

THE
BREAD
OF LIFE**

As we put much effort into obtaining material comforts, our souls thirst for what cannot be seen and our hearts ache for what cannot be proven. Jesus' words today, "I am the bread of life," are God's manna, "proven" by the fact that something deep within us leaps for joy at these words. Jesus points to himself as the source of a hunger-free, thirst-free, everlasting life. Jesus' powerful, self-giving love is patient with his listeners. At great risk to his own life he does not mince words about what kind of spiritual bread has the power to really sustain us.

**Is there a word from the Gospel that means something to you today?
How has God blessed and "fed" you, despite your grumbling?
How does the Eucharist sustain you and challenge you to feed others?**

OUR PARISHES

St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Weekday Mass:
Resumes Aug. 28/24

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Resumes Aug. 29/24



Sacrament Prep. Inquiries—First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation questions? Please contact our Sacramental Prep Coordinator, Susan, at 403-732-4685 or 403-315-3217.

Preparación sacramental. Consultas: ¿Preguntas sobre Primera Reconciliación, Primera Comunión y Confirmación? Comuníquese con nuestra coordinadora de preparación sacramental, Susan, al 403-732-4685 o al 403-315-3217.

Sunday Ministries Schedule

DATE	EMHC	LECTORS	PASTORAL CARE	COFFEE MINISTRY
Aug. 11	Elaine	AJ	Susan	Soup Sunday
Aug. 18	Liz	Lynda	Susan	?

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If there are emergencies where a priest is urgently needed, please phone either All Saints Parish in Lethbridge at 403-327-8931 or St. Augustine's Parish in Taber at 403-223-2226. Otherwise, please phone the parish office as usual.



Sunday, Aug. 11 is Soup Sunday!! After Mass, come and enjoy a variety of homemade soup and catch up with neighbours and friends. Your donations will be gratefully accepted towards maintenance of our church. Thanks!



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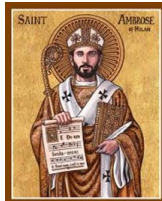
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Weekday Masses:
Resumes Aug. 27/24.

Adoration: Resumes Aug. 30/24.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Resumes Aug. 27/24.

Rosary: Mondays at 10:00 am with the CWL.



Sacrament Prep. Inquiries: First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation questions? Please contact our Sacramental Prep Coordinator, Sylvia, at 403-394-6234.



Pastoral Care Ministry: Please phone the team listed below on Saturday Aug. 10 if you wish to receive Holy Communion after the 9 am Sunday Mass on Aug. 11. Please remember to have another person present with you when the Pastoral Care Ministers arrive.

Aug. 11 Team: Mary-Ann 403-345-5457 and Lauraine 403-345-4184



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Community Coffee Donations Needed! St. Ambrose Parish relies on your generous coffee donations for Sunday Hospitality, meetings, and events during the year. A labeled collection basket has been placed in the foyer for your convenience. Thanks for supporting our parish community! Questions? Contact Diane Miedema at 403-345-3974.

OUR LARGER COMMUNITY



St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy is a ministry in the Diocese of Calgary that fosters faith, formation and fellowship among young adults within the Diocese through 3 Chapters: 1) University Students, 2) Young Professionals, and 3) Young Families. For more information follow us on

www.facebook.com/SFXCLeth OR www.instagram.com/sfxc_leth

Contact Fr. Santiago at santiago.torres@calgarydiocese.ca

August Events

Saturday, Aug. 10 ALL DAY RETREAT: Mass, Adoration, talks, sports, social and bonfire. Contact Fr. Santiago for the location. Registration is required.

Wednesday, Aug. 21 ADORATION & BOARD GAMES AT St. Martha's Church at 6:30 pm



The Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Ambrose needs your help! This ministry, dedicated to taking Holy Communion to our sick and shut-in parishioners each week after the 9 am Mass, is a lifeline between themselves and our parish Masses which they can no longer attend. Working in teams of 2, our 4 Pastoral Care members rotate Sundays as they take Jesus to the sick, the elderly and the shut-in from our community, and assure them of our prayers. The time commitment is 2 hours on the Sundays you serve.

In the next few months, 2 of our 4 Pastoral Care team members will be leaving the ministry. This will leave only 2 people, or 1 team, to struggle to keep this Ministry alive in our parish. We need more people to join this Ministry—individuals or couples are welcome—and make sure that our older parishioners who can't join us at Mass can continue to receive the Body of Christ each week. More Ministers would mean less rotations for the teams! Is this a ministry anyone can do? Maybe not. Is this a ministry where YOU can serve? Hello! Jesus is calling!

If you might be called to this Ministry, you can call the office at 403-345-3400 or call Bonnie Sturm at 403-345-4596 with questions or to volunteer. Training and mentoring are provided.

*****FOOD ITEMS LEFT IN THE CHURCHES***** There is an ongoing problem with food items being left in St. Ambrose and St. Catherine's churches, particularly in the hymn book shelves in the pews. This is creating a difficult problem with ants coming into the buildings, and also leads to mouse infestations.

Generally, food items are not allowed in the church proper, and drinks should be limited to water only. **IF YOU ARE BRINGING SNACKS FOR YOUR CHILD**, please make sure that you remove all food and wrappers/containers when you leave Mass. There are garbage cans in the foyers for your use. Our caretakers have been finding crackers, cookies, apple sauce containers, etc., all of which attract pests into our buildings.

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING COFFEE TIME, SOUP SUNDAY, etc., please do not allow children to take food into the church proper during this time. Let them know that food in the church proper is not allowed, but they may eat in the foyer or hall.



Coaldale-Lethbridge Foodgrains Project—A Christian Response to Hunger: You are all invited to the **Foodgrains Harvest & BBQ on Aug. 20 2024 @ 11AM weather permitting.** Please bring a lawn chair. **Directions:** Paved: East on Hwy 3. Turn South on Hwy 512 (Readymade Road). Proceed to TWP 9-2. (near Stafford Lake) Field is at the corner. Gravel: East on main street to TWP 9-2) If you have any questions, please contact Deb Chapman @ 403-634-3111.



Lethbridge People of Praise Live-In Group Fellowship BBQ Sunday Aug. 25, 11 am—5 pm at the Kinsmen Picnic Shelter in Coaldale. Meal will be at 3 pm. Burgers and hotdogs provided, please bring a salad or dessert to share. Registration required, please email: katie.lindsay51@gmail.com or call: 403-382-1235.



Cemetery Mass—Bishop McGrattan will celebrate Masses for the souls of the deceased buried in our Catholic cemeteries in Calgary and the area. There will be a Mass celebrated at **Mountain View Cemetery in Lethbridge on Thursday August 29 at 7:00 pm.** All are invited to come and pray.